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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert E. "Bob" Brent of Aurora, who passed away on May 5, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Brent was born in Thackeray to Howard and Mary Lorene (McChesney) Brent on February 20, 1939; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Brent served with the Aurora Police Department for 28 years, including 12 years as Chief of Police; during his police career, he received advanced training at the University of Louisville, the University of Illinois, and Michigan State University; he earned his Bachelor of Law degree from LaSalle Extension University of Chicago; he received training at the FBI Academy and the U.S. Secret Service Academy; he served on the adjunct faculty of Aurora University and the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois; while with the Aurora Police Department, he was a member of one of the area's first SWAT teams; he served on presidential family and candidate protection details, and acted as Chief of Detectives before becoming the youngest Chief of Police for a city and police department of Aurora's size in the country at that time; and

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WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the Aurora Police

1 Department in 1989, Robert Brent joined Alarm Detection
2 Systems, Inc of Aurora for 15 years as their Director of Public
3 Relations; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Brent was an active and dedicated community
5 volunteer and leader throughout his entire life; he began
6 serving as a Scout leader before he had any children of his
7 own, and remained active in Scouting for many years; he was
8 especially proud of his involvement in Kiwanis Club; during his
9 44 years with the Kiwanis Club of Aurora, he served as Club
10 President and was Kiwanian of the Year; he was also responsible
11 for the creation of the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Aurora; one of
12 his proudest professional accomplishments was founding the
13 Aurora Area Crime Stoppers; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Brent was a longtime member of the Juvenile
15 Protective Association, and an active member in the Illinois
16 and International Associations of Chief of Police, along with
17 many other professional and law-enforcement organizations; he
18 was a committed member of civic organizations, such as the
19 Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, the former Mercy
20 Hospital Foundation Board, and other church and civic clubs; he
21 was also a member of Holy Angels Church in Aurora; and

22 WHEREAS, Robert Brent enjoyed traveling with his wife,
23 golf, and fishing, but he loved nothing more than camping with

1 his family and friends, especially his grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Robert Brent was preceded in death by his parents
3 and his sister, Verla Olson; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Brent is survived by his wife of 55 years,
5 Janice R. (Rausch); his children, Mark (Kristen) Brent and Ann
6 Marie (Joseph) Pawlisz; his grandchildren, Cameron, Robert,
7 Courtney, Braden, Morgan, Tyler, and Kylee; his sister, Beverly
8 Williams; his brother, Gary Brent; his brother-in-law, Dr.
9 Richard Olson; and many loving relatives and friends;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Robert E. "Bob" Brent, and extend our sincere condolences to
14 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Robert Brent as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.